

CHAPTER XII .- (Continued.) Next day, about lunch time, the countess, her children and attendants, arrived. with much clatter and importance. Sheila-by accident, of course -- was just coming down the stairs as Lady Daleswater was ascending them.

There was a mutual start, and then a cordial greeting. Sheila was looking wonderfully pretty in her long sealskin mantie, her ruddy, golden hair making a bit of bright color beneath her neat hat to match. Lady Daleswater was pleased to approve of her probable future sister-in-Inw

"You here, Miss Fraser !" she exclaimed. "This is quite a delightful surprise, I pictured you in Mountherry, enjoying yourself."

"I was compelled to come to London on business matters, and," Sheila added, with a tiny sigh that did not escape Lady Daleswater's keen cars, "Mountberry is not particularly lively just now."

"Can you give me any news of my brother-is he really so dangerously hurt? Mamma is such an alarmist, you know."

Sheila assumed a sad, anxious look, although in reality she was not aware exactly how Jack was at that particular moment, and had never been very much frightened even at the verdict of the London doctors.

"I am afraid he is very ill," she said In a low voice.

Lady Daleswater did not seem much impressed.

"I hope you are not returning home Immediately? No? Oh, that is delightful, and still more delightful that you should be staying here. You must come In and dine with me to-night. Mrs. Fraser is with you?"

Sheila explained that her chaperone was her cousin, Mrs. Watson.

"We shall remain in London for a little while," she said, "and I hope to see a great deal of you. Perhaps I may be able to prevail on you to come down to Daleswater House when I go back there. It will be very duil, my dear Sheila; but-

But "my dear Sheila" would have gladly welcomed months of dullness to get such an invitation as this. Her spirits rose brilliantly, and she laid herself out to please Lady Daleswater.

Three days later the Earl of Daleswater arrived in London, and immediately, at his wife's instigation, went down to Mountberry to see how matters were, and the very same afternoon, as Shella sat yawning over a novel by the fire, the door opened and Beverley Rochfort was announced. She started up eagerly to greet him.

"Where have you been? I thought you were never coming back," she declared.

"I have been busy," he said. "I have not been wasting time, I assure you. You wonder what took me out of London? Well, I will tell you. I went down to soothe the last moments of Roderick Ans truther. Yes, it sounds curious, doesn't it? But Fate for some strange reason brought this man to our rescue just when we needed him."

"There is Mrs. Fraser to be faced." "Mrs. Fraser will cense to have any guardianship over the girl when this doc ument is read."

"Who will be her guardian ?" asked Sheila.

"I am left the one sole and entire guardian of Miss Audrey Anstruther. To deceive him was easy, to explain to the lawyers a triffe more difficult; but it was soon done. When you peruse this paper carefully you will see that the reason Roderick Anstruther reposes such trust in me is because a few years ago. I saved his life at the risk of my own, and because we were firm and never partel friends out in Africa together. I give myself great credit for those two lies, Miss Fraser ; they come in so neatly, and they carry the day, you see."

Sheila looked at him quietly. She was much impressed, yet not quite satisfied. "As you invented so quickly and easily,

why did you not put in some clause about her being forbidden to marry any one but you?" she asked.

"The time was so brief; at any moient the lawyers might have come down. Considering all things, I have worked wonders. Remember, I am her sole and entire guardian, and I, for my part, do not fear success."

They were suddenly interrupted by a sharp knock at the door, the handle was turned, and Lady Daleswater swept in. Her face was very white, her lips comressed and pale; in her hand was rumpled a telegram. Sheila ran to meet her quickly.

"Dear Lady Daleswater, what is the matter?" she cried.

"This is from my husband. My brother John has disgraced himself and his family. Instead of lying at the point of death, he has married your stepmother's supposed daughter. He has tied himself and his honorable name for life to a wretched charity gtrl !"

CHAPTER XIII.

If she lived to be a hundred years, Audrey would never forget that scene. Her mother had come back from Craiglands deeply moved and agitated; and the girl's great, sorrowful eyes had asked the juestion her frozen lips could not frame.

Constance Fraser had drawn the slender form to her arms without a word at first. Words, indeed, were not easy. It was a strange thing that had happened; her brain reeled every now and then as it all came back to her. Constance Fraser kissed the sweet, quivering lips.

"Jack wants you; he wants you to stay with him always. Do you understand me, my darling?"

"He wants me to nurse him?" Audrey said simply, her every limb quivering with eagerness to be gone.

"To nurse, comfort and love him !" The mother's hand stroked back the soft locks. "Audrey, he has asked me to give on him.

faintest flicker of life was visible in the drawn, white face. "Bend down and klas him," command-

ed Dr. Sentance. A flush spread over the girl's beautiful face. She did not hesitate; stooping, she pressed her fresh, sweet lips to those dry, parched ones. A low cry escaped he sick man.

"Audrey, it-is you-no dream-my own darling-

Dr. Sentance nodded his head again, and then he lifted Andrey from her ktives.

"Now, Lady John," he said, authoriatively, "your duty is not nearly ended; you are to sit here and watch your husband. Don't let him speak, only now and then moisten his lips with a little of this liquid. Let him see you and though that soll may have been but know you are here. You will be the best superficially plowed-a consequence, no doctor for him, after all."

So saying, Dr. Sentance moved out of the room, and beckoned Mrs. Thorngate to fellow him.

"Well?" she asked, breathlessly, once outside.

"I do not say for certain, but my belief is he will live," was the doctor's the land has borne it for a number of reply.

CHAPTER XIV.

statue beside her husband's bed. Toward mer position is better for it, because evening he had sunk into a deep, ailent sleep.

"It will be his salvation," declared Dr. Sentance to the duchess and Constance Fraser, as they sat together in poor Lord over the autumnal sowings as soon as Iverne's room. "Nothing could be bet- the frost is over; sometimes also sown ter:

"Oh, Dr. Sentance! Then there is is covered with show, in order that it really some hope?" cried the poor moth- may more effectually be buried by the er, her haggard face lighting up into something like its former self.

Two days later the Earl of Daleswater came down to Mountherry unexpectedly. He was a plain, weak, inordinately conceited man, who was ruled the disposition of the plant to spread entirely by his wife, and he held forth allow of its being sown much more on the impropriety of this terrible mar- thinly than red clover; a much smaller riage in a manner worthy of his wife quantity of seed is therefore required herself.

"Now that you are quite finished, George," said the duchess coldly, "I think the best thing you can do is to return to Lendon and Gladys as soon as possible."

who I am?" .

replied, rearing her head with dignity. sooner still, because these animals eat You have addressed me in a manner which I would never tolerate from my nearest and dearest. You have been pleased to pass censure on my actions, excellent sheep pasture, owing to its and vilify a young and lovely young girl shorter growth, compared with the red who is my son's wife, and against whom variety.

neither you nor any one else can launch a single objection save that she has had an unhappy childhood, and that she is poor. My daughter Gladys should conschooling; you are an apt pupil, my it is perhaps most lord."

that from to-day all intercourse between ned, roughly and yourself and my wife is at an end," the little man went on, getting quite insolent in his anger.

and he came to an abrupt end, she turned arched over with a roof of boards or

"The carriage is ready, Lord Daleswater; you have really no time to lose." Lord Daleswater's brows turned purple with suppressed fury; rage, insults rushed to his lips; but somehow the sight ed and strode out of the room. (To be continued.)



Sowing Clover Seed.

White clover is not averse to grow ing frequently on the same soll, aldoubt, of the plant being indigenous and growing spontaneously in this country. Some persons have, however, observed that on sours not very well adapted to its cultivation it thrives better when first introduced than after years. Red clover is not found to be injured when sown alternately with

white clover. White clover is sown All through the night and late into either on the autuannal sowing or the following day, Audrey sat like a among the spring grain, but the foramong the autumn grain it grows more quickly and affords good pasturage

> water formed when the snow melts. and may consequently germinate on the first return of spring. The smallness of the seed of white clover and

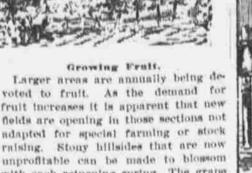
for a given extent of ground, five

pounds per acre being quite sufficient if the seed be uniformly scattered. The time for which white clover lasts de-

ues for three years only from the time "I think it is I who should ask that of sowing and fails in the fourth. When question, Lord Daleswater," the duchess fed off to excess by sheep it disappears

> the stem even down to the roots, which they tear up. Nevertheless, it makes

Rhubarb can be forced in a cellar, in a box, even in the kitchen or in well gratulate herself on the result of her or poorly constructed forcing houses.

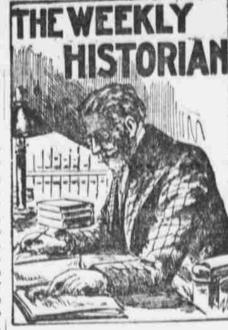


with each returning spring. The grape will grow on soils that refuse nourishment to cereal crops, and the blackberry is successfully grown on the lightest sands. With all the boast of favored sections, there is not a state that averages the net profit per acro that is possible with small fruits. Lands that will not grow a blade of grass pay the grower in pears, blackberries and raspberries, and the better qualities of soll produce the best of strawberries. If there is a failure in growing fruit, it is sometimes due to 1470-Lancastrians defeated at battle of carelessness of the grower. Trees and vines, like anything else, must receive 1471-Edward IV, of England returned the care and attention of the grower, among the stubble. It is also spread must be properly cultivated and pruned and the fruit judiciously prepared for market. The curculio must be fought, 1614 Bartholomew Legat burned at before winter, or even while the ground the borer killed and the miller and caternillar destroyed. If the work is well done, and the grower is patient, his reward will surely come, for there is an excellent opportunity for enterprising 1660-The Long Parliament dissolved by fruit growers to increase their profits. by producing fruit of the best quality. 1744 The French and Indian war be-Low prices occur at times because the

market is oversupplied with inferior 1757-Admiral John Byng of the English fruit, but there is always a good demand for that which is choice, and at 1780 -Don Galves, Spanish governor of good prices.

Fresh Air for Poultry.

The poultry manager of the Canada experiment station, A. G. Gilbert, has recently published a summary of extended experiments in poultry feeding and breeding from which the following notes are taken. Hens kept in cold quarters and fed heavily produced eggs with strong germs which hatched well. On the other hand, poultry kept in artifically warmed houses laid eggs with weak germs which hatched weak chickens. The "results were considered in favor of fresh air and plenty of it even if it was cold." In a study of the duration of fertilization after the removal of the male bird, records were kept of the number of eggs which hatched or which were shown to be fertile. The last trace of fertility was noticed eleven days after separation. The unfertilied eggs had superior keeping qualities 1843-The city of Victoria, B. C., foundso the author recommends that as a rule male birds should not be kept with 1844-John Y. Mason of Virginia became hens depended upon for market eggs. Experience showed that where there is 1854 England, France and Turkey a variety in rations and care in i them, and sufficient floor space, there is 1856-Ferry boat between Philadelphia little likelihood of egg eating or feather picking. Steamed lawn clippings were fed to the station poultry three or four times a week and eaten with evident relish. Clover leaves treated in 1858-Orsini and Pietri guillotined for the same way were also much liked.



1322-Edward 111, defeated the Barons at Boroughbridge.

1369-Peter of Castile defeated at Mon-

Stamford (War of the Roses).

from exile. 1507-Casar Borgia, son of Pope Alexander VL, assassinated.

Smithfield for heresy.

1644 Charter granted Rhode, Island uniting it with Providence plantation.

its own act.

gan in Canada.

navy shot for failing to do his duty. New Orleans, captured Mobile from the English.

1781-Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

1802-Congress reduced the army to the peace establishment of 1796.

1904 United States land offices established at Kaskaskia, 111., Vincennes, Ind., and Detroit.

1800 - Gustavus Adolphus IV., King of Sweden, dethroned; succeeded by Charles XIII.

1820-Maine admitted to the Union.

1821-Victor Emmanuel of Bardinia abdicated.

1823-John Jervis, Earl St. Vincent, one of England's greatest admirals, died.

1830-Yucatan declared itself Independent....Congress provided for a boundary line between Louisiana and Arkansas.

1831-Parliamentary reform bill latroduced in the British House of Commons.

ed by Gov. Douglas.

Secretary of the Navy.

formed triple alliance against Russia.

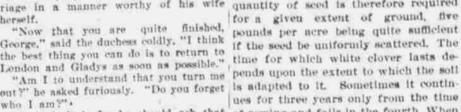
Forced Rhubarb.

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"Your grace will pleace to understand low double spancheaply constructed houses. An ex-

cavation two to The duchess made no sign while her son-in-law ran on in his infurlated and three feet deep insolent manner, but as the door opened may be made and

logs, covered with bearing and dignity, and the quick sense tilntion. Unless in a severely cold winthat she had conquered him, carried the ter, the house can be heated by use of moment without a word or sign; he turn- ordinary heating stooves. In more ex-



"How can he help us?" asked Sheila, incredulously, although her face was flushing with excitement. "More especially if, as I understand you to infer, he is now dead."

"You shall see, Miss Fraser. Ans truther met me out in Africa; he then went under another name. I always liked the man, there was something grim yet wonderful about him. When he found I was coming to England he gave me a packet of papers to bring to his lawyers; before delivering them I took the precaution of sounding these lawyers first, and as easily as possible I soon discovered my companion's real name. Needless to say, I did not deliver the papers, more especially when I found that Anstruther was in England, and supposed to be dying-he had evidently found his end coming, and rushed over to see Mrs. Fraser before he died. I at once traveled off to seek him, and, of course, had to tell a few dozen lies or so to explain why I had done so. Fortunately, the man was too ill to protest or question much; all he asked, all he wanted, was to see Constance Fraser, and confess the truth of his treachery toward The girl suffered a great shock at sight her and his brother."

"And you call this helping us, Mr. Rochfort ?"

"As Roderick is dead, and did not confess to Mrs. Fraser, I certainly do. To please him I drew up a sort of written statement, to which he managed to scrawl his name just at the very last. Here is the document. Shall I tell you what it contains, Miss Fraser?"

Shella nodded her head.

"This is the last dying confession of Roderick Anstruther, in which he owns to having separated his brother from his wife for sheer malice, in which he also confesses that his brother's child did really die, and that the girl now living is the offspring of a secret marriage between himself and some country woman." "And she is that really?" Shella asked.

"No, certainly not. Audrey, according

to her uncle's dying confession, is the child of Frank and Constance Anstruther. You forget, I am reading what I wrote, not what Roderick Anstruther toid me to write."

"Well?" the girl said after this, as her brow cleared.

"This document then goes on to will the whole of the dead man's fortune and possessions to this aforesaid child of his on one condition, viz., that she become my wife before six months elapse; if she refuses, she is to be placed once more in the Female Orphan Asylum till some definite and equally disagreeable abode is found for her. You will see that I have been very careful and very explicit, Miss Fraser. I have left nothing undone that can possibly help us."

'You forget, she may always refuse," I had expected."

"I am not so nervous of failure," Beverley returned. "Audrey will be a rich woman if she becomes my wife, and her kneel down, so that your husband can see lot will not be an enviable one if she refuses."

you to him, as his wife. A flood of color burned on each pale cheek, and then the girl paled ashen

white again "As his wife?" she repeated, slowly; and then, more quickly, "Does he want me now?"

"As soon as every arrangement can be nade, my own dearest. Does this frighten you, Audrey?"

"No," she said, almost inaudibly. "I? he wishes it, that is right. I am glad !" Then, catching suddenly at the two slender hands held out to her, "Mother, can see him soon ?"

"You shall go to him to-morrow, my darling. It will not do to excite him too much. The marriage ceremony will take place to-morrow, we hope. You, too, must rest and take care of yourself, my lily flower, my darling."

Audrey sat down as in a stupor. She did not half realize what was going to happen; she only knew that in a few short hours she would see him again, her hero, her beloved ; that was joy enough to daze her; she could not grasp the fullness of it all at once.

It was his hand that clasped hers, and yet how changed. Audrey could not see the pale, weak, clear face for the mist of tears that rose before her eyes. of him she loved lying prostrate on his pillow, barely able to speak or to smile. The duchess had kissed Audrey tenderly. "She is lovely ! Perfectly beautiful !"

she had said to Constance Fraser, "No wonder my poor boy loves her so deep-

Mr. Thorngate read the service, and Mrs. Thorngate stood with the others round the bed.

Dr. Sentance was close at hand; he watched his patient narrowly. Certainly it almost looked as if the small flicker of life must suddenly go out. The pulse was very weak, the heart's action uneven, yet the doctor knew that if human will would carry a much-desired point, Lord John Glendurwood would, with the latest breath, speak the words that made Audrey his wife.

In whispers, weak in voice, strong in purpose, John Glendurwood spoke his marriage vows.

Audrey repeated the words she was bid to utter in a dim, mechanical fashion. She woke for an instant as her lover's feeble hand tried to push the ring over the little finger, but after that she was conscious of nothing save that the face before her grew paler and paler, his hands weaker in their hold. As the rector pronounced the benediction, the duchess

gave a cry. "He is gone! He is "ead! My Jack! My boy !"

The brisk, kind-hearted little doctor read the conditions in a moment.

"We must not have you fainting, too, Lady John," he said, sharply. "Come, hold the bottle to your husband's nose and pass your hand slowly across his Sheila said, gloomily. "This is not what brow. I expect you to help me, you know. A great deal depends on you now. It is passing. Complete and utter exhaustion. Now, Lady John, I want you to

you the first thing he opens his eyes." Audrey obeyed him instantly. The

Hard Hits.

"Have you any felt gloves?" asked the customer in the big store.

"Felt gloves?" replied the polite clerk -reaching for a green box; "certainly, sir. Here they are."

"Why, those are boxing gloves, Haven't you made a mistake?" "Not at all, sir. Boxing gloves are

felt more than any other kind."

No Delay.

Old Rameses had just completed the into the forcing house. They are set great canal between the Nile and the or packed close together on the moist Red Sea.

the visitors: "what is the secret of ering the crown slightly. After they your success?"

lauded the man with the spade and should not be allowed to become dry. beheaded the man with the muck rake,", Only strong, vigorous plants will pro-

Sudden Lift.

"How did you get up here?" asked St. Peter. "I didn't send for you." The much battered man rubbed the

dust from his eyes. ", stepped in front of a racing automobile and it sent me sky high," he said simply.

"Admitted !" said St. Peter, sympathetically, as he turned the key.

Willing Victim.

Jack, and I won, Edyth-Did he pay up?

Edyth-Foolish boy! Mayme-Oh, I don't know. We bet kisses.

Beginning of the Trouble.

when you said my ples were just like those your mother used to make.

boy.

Easy for Him.

"What bushy eyelashes Mr. Swags has!"

"Um! That's the reason he gives such sweeping glances."

The Crying Need. "Those people keep twelve servants." "Gracious! I wish they'd tell me how I could keep one."-Houston Post,

Machine Made. "What do political machines manufacture, pa?"

"Bolts, Bobby."-Kansas City Times, success.

hay, straw or foil. FORCED BHUBARS. der and the dirt of the excavation thrown over the entire roof. No particular facilities are necessary for venpensive houses and in case of extreme

cold a system of hot water or steam heating would undoubtedly be advisa-Good, strong two, three or four year

old plants are used in forcing. The plants to be used are dug in the fall and, with their adhering soll, left in the field and covered with enough soll to prevent drying out. It is best to leave them there until they have been frozen through. About January, earlier or later, as the case may be, the roots still retaining their soll are brought

dirt floor. Moist soil, preferably a rich "Wonderful achievement," exclaimed one, is filled in about each plant, covare once thus packed in they may not "Why," laughed old Rameses, "I need watering, but the roots and soll duce the large, thick stalks eighteen to twenty inches high .- American Agricul-

turist.

Quinces Worth Growing.

Humble though its services may be the quince is capable of yielding as much pleasure at the table or profit in the market, for the care bestowed upon it, as either of its more fortunate relatives, the apple and pear. Moreover, when well-grown, it is far more beautiful in flower, follage and fruit than the Mayme-I made an election bet with apple or pear, and may be made a thing of beauty as well as of futility on the home grounds. Most people do not Mayme-Yes, indeed. He paid dou- give it fair play, and these suggestions have been offered in its defense,

There are few varietis, beause quinces are used so little that it has not paid as well to develop new sorts as it has for apples. The principal varieties commonly cultivated are Orange Mrs. Newed-Did you really mean it (also called apple quince), Meech, Rea, Champion, Fuller, Borgeat, Van Deman, Alaska. Orange is grown proba-Newed-Yes, dear. And you know I bly more than all others combined, it. It is without question the best main

Breed Is Not Only Factor,

When one sees a great milk and but ter record of a herd of cows of a given breed he must not conclude that all he has to do to achieve similar success is to buy a herd of that breed. He must remember that the cows must have the individuality of the record makers, and that he must possess the skill for management that the owner of the record makers does. Breed is only one of many factors that make for

Horse Doomed Again.

Edison says he has solved the electric motor problem at last-solved it some time ago, in fact; but the material he found suitable for cheap and effective storage batteries-cobalt-was 1863-Unsuccessful attempt of Farratoo scarce to be used commercially for the purpose. But by diligent search ample deposits have been found, and now a motor will be made so cheap that no 1866-Georgia appropriated \$200,000 to other agency for moving vehicles of any kind will be used.

The horse is to become extinct, or nearly so. "In fifteen years," he says, we will be paying 50 cents to see one in a side show." If this last proposition proves true there will be one compensation, the draft stallion faker will e extinct. But don't begin to sacrifice the horses for a few months yet.

Nux Vomica to Kill Hawks.

Mrs. Emma Vaught writes Farm and Ranch that for fourteen years she has been feeding nux vomica to young chickens to kill hawks, and finds that the remedy is a good one. She says: It will not hurt the chicks at all, for I never have lost a chick from its use. If everybody would use it the hawks 1886-Gen. Pope of United States army could be all exterminated in one season and we would not have any further 1801-New Orleans mob lynched eleven trouble with them. I give directions for feeding the chicks. Take dough, made of cornineal and give one tea- 1804-Bland coinage bill passed the Senspoonful of nux vomica for every twenty chicks, and I assure you it will not hurt the chicks at all. It will all be out of the chicks' system in nine days 1895-Negroes killed in 'longshoremen so there is no danger in using the chickens for table food.

Study the Cow's Needs. Each individual in the herd should be studied and given the care that she requires for best production, says Farm Journal.

Two sisters stood side by side in a herd. One required bulky, light food to cause her to do her best. The other required more concentrated food with 1906-Supreme Court decided witnesses less bulk.

No herd of cows can ever be really profitable unless they receive just this careful attention.

Controlling Growth of Cabbages. stopping the bursting of too rapidly which was made by Mrs. Ziegler, widow growing cabbage heads. The idea is to of the baking powder millionaire, has check the root growth, which is sending too much sap into the head. Either some of the roots are cut away or else the roots are somewhat loosened by current events of the month. Copies will pulling the cabbage partly out of the be sent free to the blind, who, according ground. Either plan will check growth to statistics, now number 50,568 in the sufficiently to save the cabbage.

1857-Rallway suspension bridge - 56tween Toronto and Hamilton gave way: 77 lives lost.

attempted assassination of Napoleon

1861-Island No. 10 bombarded.

1862-Commodore Dupont took possession of Jacksonville, Fla.... Gen. Burnside attacked the Confederate fortifications at New Berne, N. C.

gut's fleet to pass Confederate batteries at Port Hudson.

1865-Battle of Averyaborough, N .C.

buy corn for the indigent poor of the State.

1871-First legislative assembly of Province of Manitoba opened.

1875-Archbishop McCloskey of New York created a Cardinal ... , Gold discovered in Deadwood and Whitewood gulches, South Dakota.

1878-England declared war on the Kaffirs in South Africa.

1879-Duke of Connaught married to Princess Louise Margaret of Prussia. 1881-Alexander II. of Russia assassin-

ated. 1884-Osman Digna's forces began their

retreat before the English army in the Soudan System of standard time adopted throughout America... First through train over Mexican Central railroad.

retired after fifty years' service.

Italians accused of murder of Chief of Police Hennessy.

ate British House of Commons adopted resolution advising abolition of the House of Lords.

riots at New Orleans. . . . Illinois Supreme Court declared eight-hour law for women invalid.

1898-Eleven lives lost by the burning of the Bowery mission lodging house in New York.

1900-Bloemfontein taken ... President McKinley signed the Gold Standard currency bill.

1904-United States Supreme Court decided Northern Securities Company was illegal.

in anti-trust proceedings cannot be excused from testifying against their corporations.

Magazine for the Blind.

The first regular literary magazine to be published in the English language for Some gardeners practice a method of the use of blind people, provision for made its appearance. It is about eight times as bulky as a copy of the Century Magazine, although containing fewer words. One section deals with important United States.

ran away from home when I was a which is sufficient recommendation for crop variety for general purposes.